

# Biography of Chaplain (Major General) Douglas L. Carver



A native of Rome, Georgia, Chaplain Douglas L. Carver became the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief of Chaplains, United States Army, on July 12, 2007. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, a Master of Divinity Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville Kentucky, and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. An ordained Southern Baptist minister, he has pastored churches in Kentucky, Colorado, and Virginia.

In June 1973 he was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate and appointed as a Regular Army Officer in the Field Artillery Branch of the United States Army. After serving on active duty for six years, he resigned his commission to enter the ministry.

He was subsequently commissioned as an Army Chaplain in June 1984.

His Field Artillery assignments included serving as a Forward Observer, Assistant Executive Officer, Executive Officer, Battery Commander, Brigade Fire Support Officer, and Personnel Officer with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Carson, Colorado.

Chaplain Carver's previous assignments include serving as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief of Chaplains, United States Army, at the Pentagon in Washington DC; the Director of Training, United States Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort, Jackson, South Carolina; CJTF-7 Chaplain, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, Baghdad, Iraq; V Corps Chaplain, Heidelberg, Germany; Deputy Command Chaplain, United States Army, Europe (USAREUR), Heidelberg, Germany; Installation Chaplain, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Division Chaplain, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Career Management Officer, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Pentagon; Assistant Training and Doctrine Command Chaplain (TRADOC) Chaplain, Fort Monroe, Virginia; Assistant Staff Chaplain, Mannheim Military Community, Mannheim, Germany; 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Chaplain, Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and Eagle Support Brigade and 29<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion Chaplain, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab. Chaplain Carver is a recipient of the Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award (1982) from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1995 he received the Witherspoon Chaplain's Award from the Layman's National Bible Association for outstanding service rendered by a military chaplain in the promotion of Bible reading and study among military families.

Chaplain Carver and his wife, Sunny, have two daughters and four grandchildren.